

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, ELCA

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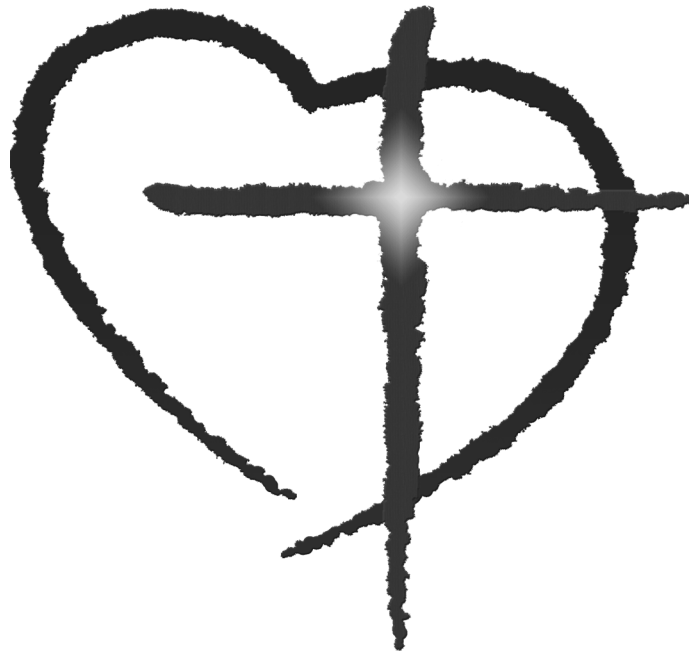
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Seventh Sunday in Easter



Our Purpose

Connect with God and other people to make a difference.

Our Guiding Principles

Do what Jesus did. Everyone a missionary.

Live in a generous spirit.

Hospitality is more than manners. In Christ we are all the same.

Welcome & General Information

WELCOME to Holy Cross Lutheran Church , a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). If you are our guest today, please sign our guest book in the entrance and fill out the friendship pad when it is passed during the offering.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for use during worship. We also have large print editions of the worship folder. Please ask an usher.

A STAFFED NURSERY with paging system is provided during the worship service and the faith learning hour up to age 3. When you exit the worship space, take a left, go through the double doors, across fellowship hall, and through the double doors on the other side. The nursery is the first door on the left. You may also ask an usher to direct you.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

When prompted by an usher please approach the pastor who will give you a piece of bread or a wafer. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Please ask the Pastor for one.) Hold the bread/wafer in your hand and dip it in either the **red wine or white grape juice in the divided chalice** held by the assistants. Return to your seat, via the side aisle. This practice is called "intinction."

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Preacher

Pastor Jim Hansen

Assisting Ministers

Deaconess Amanda Spangler

Acolyte: Simon LeClair (8:45)
Mattie Gibson (11:11)

Lector: Julie Westphal (8:45)
Frank Stiteler (11:11)

Chalice Bearers: n/a

Crucifer: Alanna Hart (8:45)
Andrew Gibson (11:11)

Music

David Singer, pianist (8:45)
Nancy Goodrich, organist (11:11)

HOLY CROSS IS A SERVANT of both God and the human family, providing emergency assistance to those in need as well as tools for self-help. With in-kind gifts, hands-on assistance, and financial support we seek to make a difference in the lives of people and families in need locally, nationally, and globally.

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God's work. Our hands.

+ GATHERING +

GATHERING MUSIC

"Day of Arising" (8:45)
Partita on "Hyfrydol" (11:11)

WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" (ELW #393)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (*spoken*)

Lord have mercy,
 Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy,
 Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy,
 Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Shout to the Lord” (ELW #821)

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in
you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.
Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be
drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time
when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know
the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive
power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said
this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in

white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Please read responsively)*

Psalm 66:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God
of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND LESSON

I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from First Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL SONG

"We Are Called" vs. 1 (ELW #720)

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Pastor Jim Hansen

A brief silence for reflection is observed.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Are Called” vs. 2-3 (ELW #720)

**2 Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain***

**3 Sing! Sing a new song!
 Sing of that great day when all will be one!
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
 as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain***

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.
 Amen.**

+RESPONSE TO THE WORD+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and Sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERING

*Please sign the **friendship pad** and pass it down your pew.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sing With All the Saints in Glory” (8:45)
“Worthy is the Lamb” (11:11)

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (ELW #686)

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
 whate'er the gift may be;
 all that we have is thine alone,
 a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus
 as stewards true receive,
 and gladly, as thou blessest us,
 to thee our firstfruits give.
- 3 The captive to release,
 to God the lost to bring,
 to teach the way of life and peace—
 it is a Christlike thing.
- 4 And we believe thy word,
 though dim our faith may be:
 whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
 we do it unto thee.

Please remain standing as you are able.

THE PRAYERS Each petition concludes: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster (especially). Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father,
+ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG **"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (ELW #389) - 8:45**
 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (ELW #855) - 11:11

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (8:45)

“Heut’ Triumphrieret Gottes Sohn” (11:11)

